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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Nguyen of Andover had been appointed as his designee (under Section 1 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) to the commission on community behavioral health promotion and prevention;

Behavioral health promotion.

That Representative Golden had been appointed as his designee (under Section 105 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to chair the special commission to study equity and access to telecommunications services;

Telecommunication services.

That Representatives Moran of Lawrence and Blais of Sunderland had been appointed as his designees (under Section 105 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission to study equity and access to telecommunications services;

Id.

That Dr. James Cobbs, Jr., of Brockton had been appointed as his designee (under Section 79 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the model school resource officer memorandum of understanding review commission;

School resource officer.

That Representative Rogers of Cambridge, Professor John Woodward of Boston University and Professor Woodrow Hartzog of Northeastern University had been appointed as his designees (under Section 105 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission that will conduct a study on government use of facial recognition technology in the Commonwealth;

Facial recognition technology.

That Sergeant William Carpenter, Jr., of Bridgewater and Captain Ricard Rezendes of New Bedford had been appointed as his designees (under Section 106 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on emergency hospitalizations; and

Emergency hospitalizations.

That Representatives Vargas of Haverhill, Schmid of Westport and Diggs of Barnstable had been appointed as his designees (under Section 111 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on structural racism in the parole process.

Probation,—racism.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Vieira of Falmouth had been appointed as his designee (under Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2020) to the special commission charged with investigating the features of the official seal and motto of the Commonwealth; and

State seal and motto.

That Jaclyn Corriveau of Peabody had been appointed as his designee (under Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of Citizens of Asian Descent.

Asian American
Commission.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Christopher P. Connolly on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Christopher
Connolly.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Scott A. Savage on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Scott
Savage.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Ryan S. Sutliff on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Ryan
Sutliff.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Walsh of Peabody and Kerans of Danvers) commending the Peabody Rotary Club on the occasion of its one-hundredth anniversary;

Peabody
Rotary
Club.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hill of Ipswich and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3809) of Bradford Hill and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) that the town of Ipswich be authorized to further regulate certain affordable housing in said town. To the committee on Housing.

Ipswich,—
housing.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Northborough and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3810) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to exempt certain positions of the police department in said town from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Lancaster,—
civil service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2448) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to amend the charter of the city of Amesbury;

Amesbury,—
charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2449) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to amend the charter of the city of Amesbury to increase the term of the mayor to 4 years; and

Amesbury,—
mayor.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2450) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to amend the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair;

Amesbury,—
school
committee
chair.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2447) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Brigette Hamel to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Haverhill,—
Brigette
Hamel.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1265) of Sean Garballey for an investigation by a special commission relative to the transparency and affordability of the Group Insurance Commission;

GIC,—
investigation.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1281) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the Group Insurance Commission and Medicare health benefit supplement plans;

GIC and
Medicare,—
plans.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1295) of Paul W. Mark relative to the maximum amount of deductibles and copayments for covered services for active and retired employees, their dependents and the survivors of deceased public employees; and

Public
employees,—
deductibles.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1304) of James J. O'Day and others relative to authorizing the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Early Education and Care to establish an individual retirement account program for personal care attendants;

Personal care
attendants,—
retirement.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Service.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for alternate members of the Conservation Commission of the town of Freetown (House, No. 2156) [Local Approval Received].

Freetown,—
conservation
commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Burlington to select board (House, No. 2166) [Local Approval Received].

Burlington,—
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Woburn to change the name of the members of the city council from “alderman” to “city councilor” (House, No. 2168, changed in section 5, in line 16, by striking out the figures: “18” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “181”; and in section 7, in line 21, by inserting before the word “boards” the word “of”) [Local Approval Received].

Woburn,—
city council.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the Attleboro city charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 2169) [Local Approval Received].

Attleboro,—
city charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the select board of the town of Clinton (House, No. 2183) [Local Approval Received].

Clinton,—
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Ware selectboard (House, No. 2205) [Local Approval Received].

Ware,—
select board.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.